

Project Newsletter

Iowa Public Health Tracking

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Project milestones:

- November 2012 -Data Warehouse System Replacement Project contract signed with Microsoft and Infusion
- November 2012 -Project kick-off at IDPH
- January 2013 -SharePoint 2013 installation
- February 2013 –Dashboard constructionbegan
- July 2013 Testing of dashboards for functionality began
- September 2013 Portal demonstrations begin and Iowa Public Health Tracking Program is launched

Project Update and Planning

- ➤ The team has finished testing the portal system and is ready to launch! Demonstrations were held at the end of August for IDPH administrators and stakeholders before the official launch of the lowa Public Health Tracking program and portal on Sept. 9th.
- ➤ The first class in the data training series (Program Planning and Evaluation) will be held on Sept. 12th. The series will continue on into late this fall with the Basic Data training being held on Oct. 30th, and the Advanced Data training occurring in two parts on Nov. 12th and Nov. 14th.
- ➤ The Iowa Public Health Tracking team along with members from other bureaus met to develop a Data Management strategic plan.
- To learn more about the Public Health Tracking Program and view project updates, visit our website at: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/dwh/Updates.aspx

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Tracking Portal Launch

After much hard work, the new Iowa Public Health Tracking (IPHT) portal system has been finished, and is ready to launch on September 9th. Before releasing the site for internal and external use, demonstrations were given to IDPH administrators and stakeholders.

The IPHT project was initiated from a grant awarded to the Division of Environmental Health, which resulted in the creation of the Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) Program. The initiative is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and has been already carried out in 23 other states

Due to the introduction of the new portal system, the previous Data Warehouse will no longer be available after November 1, 2013. Access to the previous warehouse will be replaced by access to the new tracking portal's secure site, and all existing users will have their access verified by IDPH in October. For more information on the IPHT launch or portal system, visit http://www.idph.state.ia.us/DWH/.

In-House Data Training

Mark your calendars! Members of the Public Health Tracking team have been collaborating with individuals from other departments to develop a series of in-house data trainings. The first session is quickly approaching and has spots available to anyone wanting to improve or further their knowledge of planning and evaluation. To register, contact Marilyn Alger, Education Coordinator (Marilyn Alger@idph.iowa.gov)

Program Planning and Evaluation

Lead Personnel: Shelly Horak and Sarah Mauch

Date: September 12
Class Description:

Attendees will learn and practice program planning and evaluation skills. The first half of the class will focus on program planning. Attendees will participate in activities to identify and engage stakeholders, use visioning techniques, become familiar with various planning tools, practice writing goals and objectives, and developing a logic model. The second half of the class will focus on evaluation by identifying different phases of the evaluation process and writing effective and meaningful indicators. Identifying data sources, monitoring and reporting, data management, and sharing the information with stakeholders will also be covered. Quality improvement and performance management will also be addressed throughout the training. In addition, there will be a brief overview of new IDPH data policies.

Continue to watch out for more information on the rest of the series!

Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone that worked on the Iowa Public Health Tracking portal and launch! It has been a huge effort that has required a lot of time and work, and the following deserve special recognition for their help:

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Welcome to the Team

The Iowa Public Health Tracking team is excited to welcome two student interns to the team!

Allison Peel is a Master of Public Health student working on her capstone project with the Public Health Tracking program. Her anticipated graduation date is December 2013. Allison has several years' experience working in project management in IT and has been invaluable in developing governance plans as well as the user guide for the new Tracking portal.

Gina Zubrey is a senior Health Sciences major at Drake University. She will be completing her senior capstone project this fall and spring. Gina will be working on various tasks in Public Health Tracking leading up to her final project. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2014.